ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE ELECTION TO THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. President : I have now to announce to the House that nomination papers with regard to the election of three non-official members to the Standing Finance Committee will be received till 5 p.m. on Friday, 1st August 1941.

CONDOLENCE MOTION
ON THE DEMISE OF MR. S. S. KODER

Mr. President : The Hon'ble Minister will move the condolence motion standing in his name.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, it is again my melancholy task to move the following condolence motion:—

"This Council places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. S. S. Koder (Senior) who was for a long time a member of this Council".

Sir, in the far distant days when Moses led the Israelites after relieving them from the bondage imposed upon them by Pharaohs, his followers—the Jewish community—had to wander for forty years following the receding column of flame as their guide before they reached the promised land. The same persecution and the same fate of wandering all over the world have been the destiny of this race from the far dim distant days to the present day. Any other nation or any other race subjected to the inhuman persecution, unheard of misery and wholesale massacre would certainly have been extinct by this time. The persecution was of such a nature as to destroy the body and sear the soul. Yet, remarkable enough, this race far from being extinguished has shown such an unlimited capacity for resistence and self-reliance as no other race in the history of mankind has shown. The result of this persecution has been to call forth all their latent powers of indomitable courage, self-help and initiative to a degree which no other race has ever shown. And with the disappearance of the shepherd, the flock was dispersed all over the world and a small piece of Jewish humanity was thrown out on our shores by the waves, centuries ago. There is no unalloyed good or evil in this world. This fact has been strikingly exemplified in the case of the Jews by the fact that even this persecution has served a purpose to humanity. They, with their high civilisation and with the tradition of a great religion, with their financial ability and business capacity and their genius for organisation with a persistence and with a spirit of self-help and self-reliance, infused new life into the various nations all over the world. Their contributions to learned professions are by no means meagre, and it is our good fortune that this small piece of Jewish community thrown out on our small State has contributed

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